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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:)	BLADE CUTTING ASSEMBLY
)	FOR SHEET MATERIAL
RICHARD SCHULTZ ET AL)	
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Ser. No.: 10/717,759)	Group Art Unit: 3724
)	
Filed: 11/20/03)	Examiner: K. Peterson

RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Applicant elects the Group II claims in response to the restriction requirement. Applicant elects species F in response to the election requirement. Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 12 and 14 through 24 are all readable on the elected species (F). The election as to both the invention and species is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that with respect to the restriction requirement, the subject matter of the claims in several of the groups identified by the Examiner would overlap such that a search of one group would necessarily encompass the subject matter of the multiple groups. For example, a cutting blade assembly having first and second blades would be classified with cutting blade assemblies having more than two blades. The indicia in Group IV to identify multiple cutting blades would be searchable in the art with the multiple cutting blades.

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Likewise, it is respectfully submitted that a search encompassing the generic claims would necessarily encompass the subject matter including several of the species identified by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner reconsider both the restriction and election of species requirements set out in the Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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